

fight to strengthen healthcare for veterans, combat pollution in the Gulf of Mexico, and end Federal subsidies for tobacco, among other priorities.

After Krueger's Senate term ended, President Bill Clinton appointed him Ambassador to Burundi. At the time, Burundi was suffering from intense violence and political conflict, and the assignment represented deep faith in Krueger's diplomatic abilities. Krueger served in Burundi until 1995, when his convoy was ambushed by gunmen in an assassination attempt due to his vocal opposition to the genocide. On his courage, President Bill Clinton remarked, "... if we didn't have brave people there, like Ambassador Bob Krueger, it would be even harder to avoid human tragedy." From 1996 to 1999, Krueger served as U.S. Ambassador to Botswana and later as a Special U.S. Representative to the Southern African Development Community (SADC) from 1998 to 2000. After an accomplished career in public service, Krueger returned to academia and retired in 2017, living out his days in New Braunfels at the same house in which he grew up.

Madam Speaker, I join my fellow Texans in mourning the loss of a stalwart patriot and public servant. Senator Bob Krueger's career took him around the world, but he never lost sight of his deep roots in Texas. My thoughts are with his wife of 39 years, Kathleen, his children, Mariana, Sarah and Christian, and all those who knew and loved him.

HONORING JOHN SWANEY OF
PRECISION SIGNS AND IMAGING

HON. ANGIE CRAIG

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 6, 2022

Ms. CRAIG. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of National Small Business Week, May 2–5, 2022, and to thank John Swaney of Precision Signs and Imaging. Jack's dedication to his community in Burnsville is what fuels Minnesota's Second Congressional District.

Precision Signs and Imaging has provided important services to business, large and small, throughout Minnesota. John has led Precision Signs and Imaging to not only business success, but also in serving their local community. John and Precision Signs and Imaging showcase the impact that small businesses can have on their local community.

Small businesses like Precision Signs and Imaging are the backbone of our economy. I'm proud that John is a member of my Small Business Taskforce. I'm thankful for his expertise and guidance as we work to shape policies to benefit and strengthen our small business economy.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE
OF NICK TULLIER, EAST BATON
ROUGE SHERIFF'S DEPUTY

HON. CLAY HIGGINS

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 6, 2022

Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and service of my Thin Blue Line brother Nick Tullier.

Nick served his state and community honorably as a patrol deputy with the East Baton Rouge Sheriff's Department.

A member of the Thin Blue Line for nearly two decades, Nick Tullier was critically injured in the line of duty on July 17, 2016. While responding to a call in Baton Rouge, Nick and his fellow deputies were ambushed in a targeted attack against law enforcement.

Nick was shot three times. By all accounts, he was not supposed to live. He did.

Though paralyzed due to the injuries, Nick defied every expectation over the last 6 years.

He was a fighter. His spirit was strong, and he never gave up. Nick fought until the very end.

On May 5, 2022, Nick Tullier's watch ended. We all mourn his passing. However, we also celebrate Nick's life.

"Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends."—John 15:13 KJV

Nick was selfless and acted with love for his fellow man. He put his own life on the line to protect the community he had sworn to serve.

I am blessed to have known Nick and to have shared a few brief hours in the course of his journey. He is survived by his parents, his two sons, two brothers, and five nephews. They are all in our prayers.

Many times, I have prayed for Nick, for his family, and for healing. Our prayers are with them now in this time of mourning.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the citizens of the State of Louisiana, I pay tribute to the life, commitment, and sacrifice of Nick Tullier. May his legacy and his service to the Thin Blue Line never be forgotten.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF
SAVANNAH A. VAN DYKE BELLO

HON. MARK DeSAULNIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 6, 2022

Mr. DeSAULNIER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize long-time community member Savannah Van Dyke Bello, as she celebrates her 100th birthday.

Savannah was born in Idabel, Oklahoma to Richard and Rebecca Van Dyke. Savannah later moved to California where she met her husband, Albert Bello, and the couple became parents to three children.

Throughout her life, Savannah has demonstrated her dedication to public service and civic education. After overcoming tuberculosis herself and noting the stigma behind the disease, Savannah enrolled in nursing school. She worked as a nurse at the Contra Costa County Medical Center from 1961 until her retirement in 1984. Additionally, throughout the 1960s and 1970s, Savannah was involved in the civil rights movement. She was and continues to be passionate about helping the Black community to connect with their history. Savannah has shown her passion for bettering her community in many ways, including as a member of the Richmond Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) in the 1960s, working with the American Red Cross for over 20 years, and engaging in local, statewide, and national elections. Savannah is also a writer and her book, "Savannah . . . Unexpected Turns" describes 20th century American history through her own lens.

In her personal life, Savannah is a proud Catholic and attends Saint David of Wales Catholic Church in Richmond, California. She loves attending Bible study to connect more with her faith. Savannah also enjoys quilting, writing poetry, and spending time with her three children, three granddaughters, and nine great-grandchildren.

Savannah is a leader in our community and is respected for her intellect and compassion. Please join me in congratulating Savannah on her 100th birthday and her lifetime of service.

HONORING MARTHA HEIDE FOR
HER SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE
OF SOUTHWEST OHIO

HON. MICHAEL R. TURNER

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 6, 2022

Mr. TURNER. Madam Speaker, I want to pay tribute to a long-time staff member and dear friend, Mrs. Marty Heide, who left my office at the end of April to begin her well-deserved retirement.

Marty and I have worked together for over 33 years. She started her career as an employee at my downtown Dayton, Ohio law firm, and worked in my office during my two terms as mayor of Dayton.

After I was elected to Congress in 2003, Marty spent the next 19 years serving the citizens of Southwest Ohio as a caseworker in my district office, and as District Outreach and Director of Special Events for Greene County.

Marty Heide has touched the hearts of everyone who has had the good fortune to know her and to work with her. She has earned a reputation as an experienced, knowledgeable and sympathetic caseworker who never hesitated to go above and beyond the call of duty to help a constituent, listen to their concerns, work toward a solution—and more often than not, a successful outcome.

Marty was responsible for organizing the annual Congressional Art Competition, to showcase the artistic talents of high school students in the Dayton area. She also directed my Military Service Academy Board, spending countless hours mentoring some of our best and brightest young people, and selecting the future leaders of our Armed Forces for nominations to our Nation's military academies.

Marty has helped literally thousands of my constituents cut through the maze of the Federal bureaucracy—whether they were seniors having trouble obtaining their Social Security or Medicare benefits, or helping to expedite the renewal of a passport, or solving problems with tax returns, or helping a future citizen obtain a green card.

Madam Speaker, I cannot tell you how many times a happy constituent has told me about how Marty helped them, or a close family member, resolve a problem.

The president of the Dayton Philharmonic Orchestra once contacted my office with an urgent request for an expedited visa to allow a musical group from Canada, Jeans n Classics, to perform for Dayton's annual Summer in the City Musical Festival. He sent me a message, saying that "Marty did a fantastic job in getting this issue resolved quickly and efficiently. We are very, very grateful for Marty's prompt, helpful, and courteous assistance."

A retiree from Beavercreek recently needed help gaining access to funds from his Thrift Savings Plan, which were needed to cover vital living expenses during the coronavirus pandemic. Marty jumped right into action, and the matter was cleared up in a very short period. "Without Marty's skillful intervention," he wrote, "I may still be waiting for TSP to complete my requested transfer of these funds."

After Marty helped expedite the renewal of his son's passport for a trip to Tokyo, a man from Dayton wrote: "My son and I couldn't have completed the Transpacific business/personal trip without Marty's outstanding professionalism and stick-to-itiveness. We were able to bond, spending quality time with each other that'll never be forgotten."

On behalf of myself, and on behalf of the countless Miami Valley residents she has helped, I thank Marty Heide for a job well done. I will be forever grateful for the friendship and support she has given to me, the staff, and the people our congressional district. Her presence in my office will certainly be missed. I wish her and her husband, Randall, a happy, healthy, and productive retirement.

HONORING BRIAN EMERSON OF POINT NORTH NETWORKS

HON. ANGIE CRAIG

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 6, 2022

Ms. CRAIG. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of National Small Business Week, May 2–5, 2022, and to thank Brian Emerson of Point North Networks. Brian's dedication to his community in Inver Grove Heights is what fuels Minnesota's Second Congressional District.

Point North Networks draws on Brian's experience of developing and implementing solutions to fulfill the IT needs of smaller businesses throughout the Second Congressional District and Minnesota. Brian has ensured that Point North Networks serves its community with honesty and integrity.

Small businesses like Point North Networks are the backbone of our economy. I'm proud that Brian is a member of my Small Business Taskforce. I'm thankful for his expertise and guidance as we work to shape policies to benefit and strengthen our small business economy.

RECOGNIZING THE 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE INSTITUTE OF INTERNAL AUDITORS

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 6, 2022

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA) on the occasion of its 80th anniversary and to recognize Internal Audit Awareness Month.

The IIA was founded in 1941 by a small group of auditors based in New York City who understood the importance of the profession as well as its critical role in governance, risk, and control. From these humble beginnings

the IIA has grown tremendously with branches in 170 countries and over 210,000 members. By relentlessly advocating for its members, providing valuable training to students, hosting conferences and so much more the IIA works to uplift this critically important profession.

Madam Speaker, the IIA is a real New York success story. I ask that my colleagues join me in celebrating the Institute for all that they do to promote the critical field of auditing and wish them continued success.

RECOGNIZING MR. MICHAEL KOBITO AS GEORGIA'S TEACHER OF THE YEAR

HON. BARRY LOUDERMILK

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 6, 2022

Mr. LOUDERMILK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Michael Kobito of Bartow County, Georgia as the 2023 Georgia Teacher of the Year, and to commend his exceptional service to students in Bartow County, as well as his incredible contributions to their academic enrichment.

Mr. Kobito teaches AP Music Theory at Woodland High School; and, in addition to providing students with a top-notch instruction in the performing arts, Mr. Kobito leads four concert bands, a 200-member marching band, the school basketball pep band, a jazz band, and the winter guard.

Mr. Kobito's AP Music students achieved a 100 percent pass rate on the AP exam within his first year of teaching, a result of his dedication to their education, as well as their enthusiasm for his class. His teaching philosophy emphasizes the potential of each individual student and encourages them to treat every day as an opportunity to learn and achieve.

As the 2023 Georgia Teacher of the Year, Mr. Kobito will serve as an advocate for Georgia students and educators, and as an ex-officio member of the Georgia State Board of Education. Furthermore, he will compete for the recognition of 2023 National Teacher of the Year.

Once again, I commend Mr. Kobito for his exceptional work as a Georgia educator and congratulate him on achieving this important honor within the Georgia education system. I would also like to acknowledge the runner up, Katie Blum of Sugar Hill Elementary, and all Georgia's Teacher of the Year finalists for their tremendous work and dedication to educating our next generation of successful Georgians.

INTRODUCTION OF THE MOUNT HOOD AND COLUMBIA RIVER GORGE RECREATION ENHANCEMENT AND CONSERVATION (REC) ACT OF 2022

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 6, 2022

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Madam Speaker, today I introduced the Mount Hood and Columbia River Gorge Recreation Enhancement and Conservation (REC) Act of 2022.

Over the last several years, I have listened to feedback from Oregonians, Tribal sovereigns, local elected officials, businesses, and others about Mt. Hood and the Columbia River Gorge. People have shared information about how they use these special places, their concerns, and their proposed solutions to improve management, address wildfire risk, enhance recreation, and protect natural resources. I worked to reflect those views in this legislation, which will create a leading model of Tribal co-management on the Forest, retain and restore healthy ecosystems, develop long term sustainable recreation and transportation plans for the region, and enhance community resilience through climate adaptation and mitigation.

This legislation represents many years of listening to community members and refining ideas. It also remains a work in progress. I look forward to continuing this community-focused effort to protect and improve access to Mount Hood and the Columbia River Gorge.

I urge my colleagues to support this legislation.

HONORING JODI NORGAARDEN OF QUAINT AND QUIRKY BOUTIQUE

HON. ANGIE CRAIG

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 6, 2022

Ms. CRAIG. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of National Small Business Week, May 2–5, 2022, and to thank Jodi Norgaarden of Quaint and Quirky Boutique. Jodi's dedication to her community in Hastings is what fuels Minnesota's Second Congressional District.

Quaint and Quirky Boutique features over 100 artists, creators, and authors from Minnesota and Wisconsin. Jodi has taken her over 25 years of sales experience and created a small business that supports communities and people throughout the Second Congressional District and beyond.

Small businesses like Quaint and Quirky Boutique are the backbone of our economy. I'm proud that Jodi is a member of my Small Business Taskforce. I'm thankful for her expertise and guidance as we work to shape policies to benefit and strengthen our small business economy.

HONORING DAVID RAMEY

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 6, 2022

Mr. HUFFMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today along with Congressman MIKE THOMPSON, in celebration of David Ramey, who is being honored with a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Sonoma County Vintners Foundation for his exemplary contributions to the winemaking industry.

Mr. Ramey's 43-year career in Napa and Sonoma, including as the founder and owner of Ramey Wine Cellars, is most distinguished by his stewardship of artisan winemaking techniques.

Mr. Ramey graduated from the University of California at Davis in 1979 with a thesis on